
Unit 6:

Expanding Incident Activity



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Visual 6.1

Unit Terminal Objective

Using a scenario identify changes to EOC activation level, staffing, and resources and information requirements for an expanding incident



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Unit Enabling Objectives

- **Explain Incident Complexity and Complex Incidents**
- **Describe the impact of incident complexity on resource requirements, information requirements, activation level and EOC staffing**



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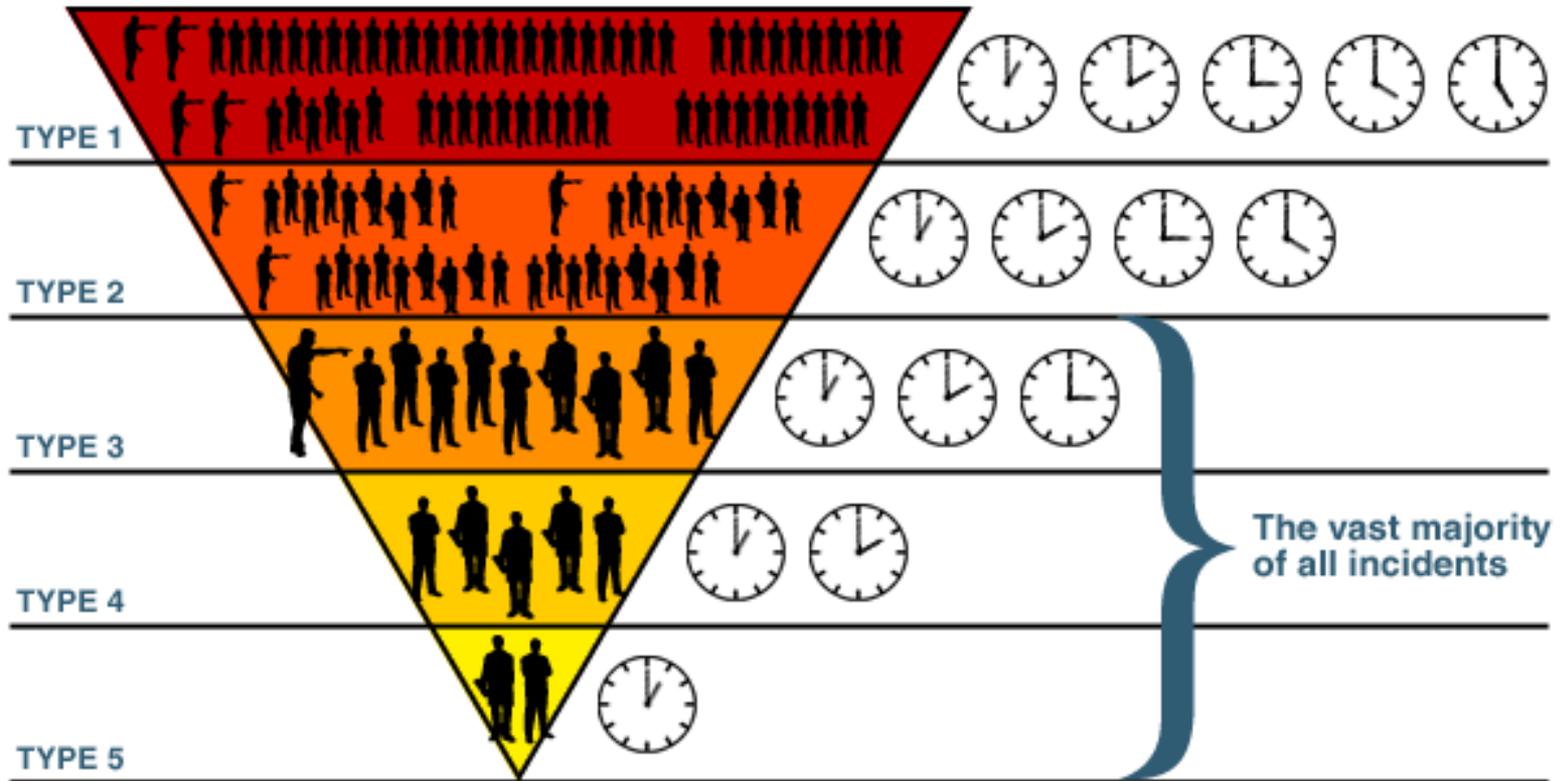
Discussion: Expanding Incidents

What adjustments might an EOC need to make in response to an ongoing and expanding incident?



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Incident Complexity



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Characteristics of Complex Incidents

- **Time is of the essence (time criticality)**
- **The situation is unstable**
- **The incident has the potential to expand rapidly**
- **Communications and information may be incomplete**
- **Staff are not necessarily experienced in managing expanding incidents**



Complexity Analysis Factors

- **Size and duration**
- **Resource requirements**
- **Impacts**
- **Safety**
- **Hazardous materials**
- **Weather and environment**
- **Cascading events**
- **Crime scene (including terrorism)**
- **Political, community and media**
- **Jurisdictional boundaries**



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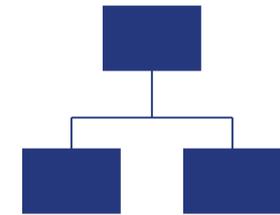
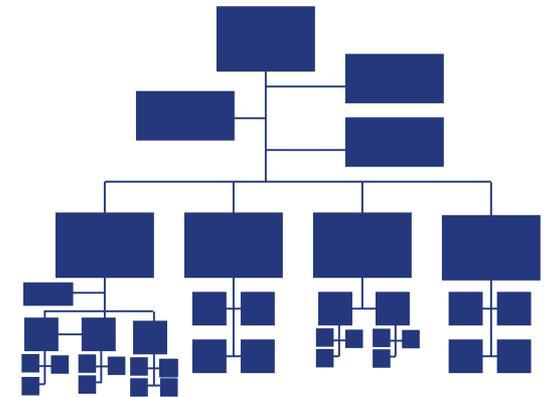
Incident Complexity and Resource Needs

Incident Complexity

Resource Needs

ICS Structure

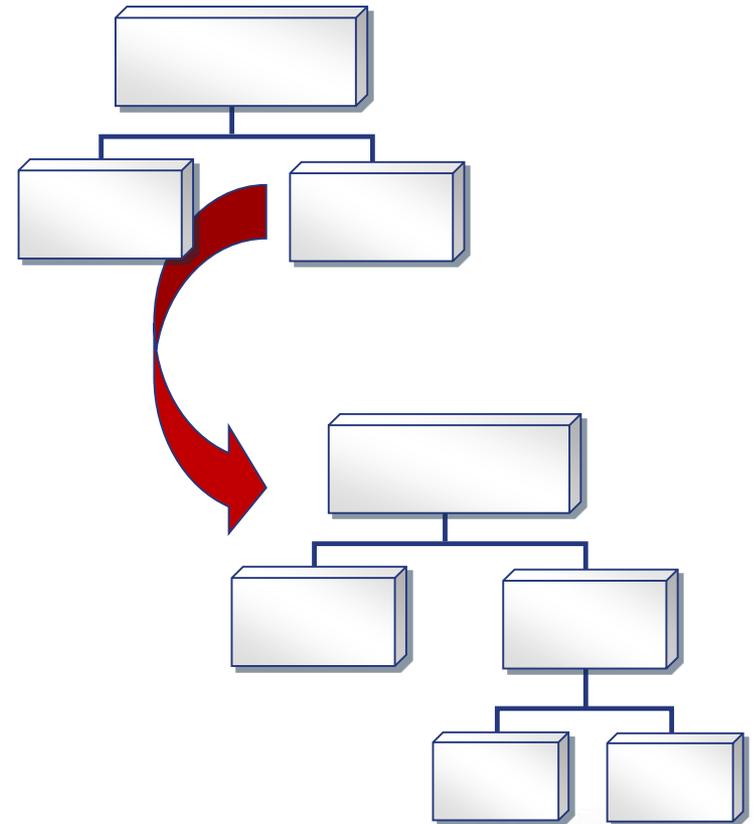
Complexity ↑



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Modular Organization

EOC organizational structure and staffing can expand or contract as needed based on the type, size, duration, scope and complexity of the incident.



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Review: NIMS EOC Activation Levels

3 – Normal Operations/Steady State

2 – Enhanced Steady State/Partial Activation

1 – Full Activation



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Activity 6.1: EOC Expansion

Allotted Time: 1 hour



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Objectives Review

- **What are Incident Complexity and Complex Incidents?**
- **What is the impact of incident complexity on resource requirements, information requirements, activation level and EOC staffing?**



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